

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

**THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

Helen Burton	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux	Member
Debra Harper	Member
Karen Tisdell	Member
Meredith Brant	Assistant City Secretary

**1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**2.0 BUSINESS**

**2.1 Consider proposal for a Take a Book, Leave a Book library at Pine Gully Park. (Elaine Hernandez)**

Elaine and Roland Hernandez presented a slideshow and a proposal for installing a "Little Free Library" in Pine Gully Park.

Ms. Burton stated that the park director is open to the concept, but suggested a better location would be Meador Park near the pool. Another suggestion was that it be located at the entrance of Pine Gully Park.

Motion was made by Debra Harper and seconded by Sally Antrobus

To approve the installation of a "Little Free Library" within the park system with the location to be determined by Parks Director.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**2.2 Planting along new trail in Robinson Park.**

Ms. Burton stated that, weather permitting, trees will be planted Monday running from Todville to the iron bridge. She added that the green material sprayed along the edges of the water contains seeds for the marsh grasses.

Ms. Antrobus stated that she would like to know more about the green spray. Ms. Burton stated that she would find out and report back to the committee.

**2.3 Planting along the north boundary of Carothers Gardens.**

Ms. Antrobus suggested moving some of the irises from behind the casita to the north boundary. Ms. Burton confirmed that Ms. Antrobus, Ms. Harper and Ms. Tisdell would be available to supervise community service workers in moving the irises and possibly planting bushes as an additional barrier. Ms. Harper stated that she would bring back suggestions for types of bushes at the next meeting.

**2.4 Report on planting at Pine Gully.**

Ms. Tisdell stated that there is nothing to report at this time. Planting is on hold until dredging is complete.

**2.5 Consider clean up of the gardens at the Carothers property.**

The clean-up day will be February 22 at 9:00 a.m. with a rain date set for March 1. An invitation will be extended to the Seaside Garden Club and notice will be given in the city newsletter. Ms. Burton stated that she will contact Ms. Rollins for a list of tasks to work on.

**2.6 Consider work day on Saturday, March 29 for volunteers from Clear Creek Community Church.**

Ms. Burton stated that up to 250 young people may be participating in the work day. Many will work the Trash Bash and others will clean out planters in the parks. Ms. Burton suggested that wildflowers be seeded at that time also. Volunteers will meet at City Hall and work from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**2.7 Report on the parks volunteer program.**

Ms. Burton stated there was nothing new to report. It was suggested that a QR code be placed on the volunteer sign which will link to the volunteer application.

**2.8 Consider recognition of parks volunteers.**

Motion was made by Sally Antrobus and seconded by John Coggeshall

To recommend to City Council that the brass leaves of the tree in City Hall be engraved as recognition for volunteers who will be selected on an annual basis each May.

**2.9 Report on Trash Bash.**

John Coggeshall gave an update on the Trash Bash scheduled for March 29 with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Bay Elementary parking lot.

**2.10 Consideration of installation of a sound barrier at Carothers Gardens.**

After discussion and consideration, members agreed that increased planting and continued check on decibel levels were preferable to creating a barrier wall. Ms. Antrobus asked that thanks be conveyed to Council for consulting with the committee on this issue. Ms. Burton will speak with Ms. Cook concerning this issue.

**2.11 Consideration of a center connector trail.**

Mr. Coggeshall stated that he is still involved with the current grant, but would like to place this item on the action items checklist for consideration at a later date.

**2.12 Presentation of examples of signs for use in city parks and along trails.**

Ms. Comeaux stated that the trails signs in Austin were attractive and all were relevant to runners and visitors to the area. Unable to access the internet in the meeting room, she stated that she would send pictures to the members for discussion at the March meeting.

**3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**

Ms. Harper stated that Hester Park needed more parking. It was suggested that instead of creating additional parking there, that improving parking at Baybrook would be preferable. The March agenda will include "plans for Baybrook parking lot improvements."

**3.2 Approve the minutes of the January 2, 2014 meeting.**

Motion was made by Ms. Antrobus and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

**3.3 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**

Item #10 – the next quarterly report will be in April.

Item #12 – Ms. Burton will be working with Ms. Dearman on volunteer efforts via the city website and newsletter.

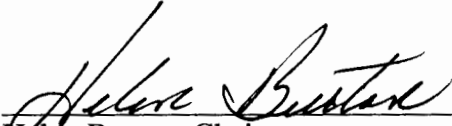
**3.4 Consider upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.**


Ms. Burton stated that due to early voting, the date of the May meeting will need to be changed. The next meeting will be March 6.

Agenda items will include updates on 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7 and 2.8. Additional item will include Baybrook Park parking lot improvements. Item 2.11 will go on the Action Items Checklist.

Upon a motion, made and seconded, Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of March, 2014.

  
Helen Burton, Chair

  
Meredith Brant, TRMC  
Assistant City Secretary